



King Philip REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: King Philip Regional School District School Committee

From: Dr. Rich Drolet, Superintendent of Schools

Date: April 29, 2024

Re: Superintendent's Update

DECA Trip to California

Students and chaperones attending the Nationals for the DECA overnight trip to Anaheim, California left from Boston on Friday, April 26th, and they will return on Wednesday night, May 1st. This trip was approved in June of 2023, but the TBD's needed to be filled in, so I wanted to share that more detailed information with you. 66 students attended along with 8 chaperones and the cost per student was \$1,550.

Financial Assistance Awarded for King Philip High School Training

We are pleased to announce that King Philip Regional High School has been selected to receive funding from the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office to cover the cost of a local school training as part of the Addressing Hate in School Sports Initiative. The full amount of the award is \$9,000, which will cover the full cost of the two-day training conducted by the Northeastern Center for the Study of Sport in Society. The two-day training can be offered to coaches, teachers, students, or a combination, and the sessions will be administered by professional trainers from Northeastern University.

Duct Taped to Wall for DJ

On April 9th Mr. Glabicky and I were duct taped to the cafeteria wall during the lunch block. Proceeds raised went to supporting our student Davonte Johnson and his family. Below is a picture of the beginning stages of me getting stuck to the wall. Thank you to Cheryl Rowe and our KP Cares students for coordinating this event. Over the years, KP Cares has supported events to raise money for KP students and their families impacted by cancer, as well as the Jimmy Fund. About \$1,400 was raised this time, which will go towards expenses that insurance doesn't cover, such as helping with gas costs for DJ's

family to go back and forth to the hospital, hotels stays nearby, and food near the hospital.



Eclipse Glasses

On April 8th we handed out eclipse glasses for students and staff to safely view the solar eclipse as dismissal was happening. I would like to especially thank Ann King, Michelle Kreuzer, and Venessa Petit for going above and beyond in helping to procure the eclipse glasses in time for the solar eclipse viewing. Check out a fun photo of some of our high school students modeling the eclipse glasses, which was shared with me by KPHS teacher Jodi Greenleaf, on the next page!



MJ day of Kindness and Table Tennis

Last Thursday, April 25th, KPMS celebrated a “Day of Kindness” in honor of Malia Jusczyk. Malia’s parents donated MJ Day of Kindness tee-shirts for all of our middle school staff and many of us made donations to the “For Kids’ Sake Foundation” to support pediatric cancer research. On MJ’s Day of Kindness last Thursday, teachers taught mini-lessons related to kindness and being welcoming to others, and students and staff were encouraged and asked to be “kind for an entire day,” which is what Malia would have wanted because this is how she treated people. I would like to acknowledge Malia’s guidance counselor, Leah Barry, for planning and orchestrating the entire day, as well as Principal Kreuzer and all of our KPMS staff and students. Finally, I would like to thank Facilities Director Joe Zahner. See the picture on the next page. Malia’s dad, Glen, came in last week to help Mr. Zahner with the final assembling of a ping pong table that was cemented and installed outside behind our middle school for all to use in the future. Malia’s mom, Meg, also came to KPMS last week for the purple team’s kindness contemplation.

Besides Ms. Barry and Ms. Kreuzer and Mr. Zahner, thanks also go out to teachers and staff members Sarah Bond, Katie Brenneis, Whitney Hartwell-Jones, Michele Austin, Grace Morrison, Sean Jones and Lisa McIntyre and all of our student ambassadors, as well as Pam Hughes-Rogan, Nicole Murphy, Charles Sherwin and the 8th Grade Band, Colleen McGowan, and the Jusczyks.

